

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 151

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

April 7, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 151—Relative to In-Home Supportive Services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 151, as introduced, Ma. In-Home Supportive Services.

This measure would declare the intent of the Legislature to ensure the preservation of home care services to the elderly, blind, and disabled through the In-Home Supportive Services program.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, For over a quarter century California has provided
2 home care services to qualifying residents through a unique, fiscally
3 sound alternative to institutional care; and
4 WHEREAS, California's home care program, In-Home
5 Supportive Services (IHSS), was signed into law by Governor
6 Ronald Reagan in 1973 to provide care to elderly, blind, and
7 disabled Californians, to avoid their premature institutionalization
8 and allow consumers to live independently in the community at a
9 lower cost than institutional care; and
10 WHEREAS, IHSS is recognized nationally as the preferred way
11 to provide assistance to people who need long-term care, and is
12 now being replicated in other states; and
13 WHEREAS, IHSS has been nationally praised as a model state
14 program for helping elderly blind, and disabled persons, live
15 independently, and is a prime example of the home-based,

1 long-term care solutions that were the focus of President George
2 W. Bush’s “New Freedom Initiative” in 2001; and

3 WHEREAS, According to the State of California IHSS
4 Management Statistics Summary, dated February 2010, IHSS
5 serves nearly 460,000 aging, disabled, and blind California
6 residents at one-fifth of the cost to taxpayers as care provided in
7 nursing homes; and

8 WHEREAS, Nearly 375,000 IHSS caregivers provide the home
9 care services and support to make it possible for these aging,
10 disabled, and blind residents to remain living independently in
11 their homes; and

12 WHEREAS, Numerous national organizations join together
13 annually to declare the month of November as National Home
14 Care Month, to recognize, honor, and support the valuable
15 contributions of home care workers; and

16 WHEREAS, Providing services and support to the aging,
17 disabled, and blind to remain living in their homes is a humane,
18 dignified, and compassionate alternative to hospitalization or other
19 institutional placement; and

20 WHEREAS, The work of California’s IHSS caregivers is both
21 physically demanding and emotionally challenging, as it requires
22 great sensitivity, honesty, patience, trust, commitment, dedication,
23 and compassion; and

24 WHEREAS, California’s IHSS program and its caregivers
25 promote independence, dignity, and quality of life for California’s
26 disabled and elderly residents; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
29 hereby declares its intent to ensure the preservation of home care
30 services to the elderly, blind, and disabled through the In-Home
31 Supportive Services program; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
33 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.